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In re Patent Application

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(Case Docket No. 22388)

Examiner: M. Allen

For: **METHOD FOR THE RECOMBINANT EXPRESSION OF AN N-TERMINAL
FRAGMENT OF HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR**

AMENDMENT

Nutley, New Jersey 07110
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response are in response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2009, in connection with the above-identified application. This Amendment is timely filed.

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2009, Claims 1-6 are currently pending. Claims 1-6 are herein canceled without prejudice. Claims 7-13 are newly presented based upon suggestion by the Examiner.

Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows: